Horticulture at the World's Fair.

Chief Samuels values plants at present on hand at the World's Fair grounds in Chicago at \$200,000, and he is credited with declaring that the collection of large decorative plants has not its equal in the United States. The giant terns from Japan and Australia, grouped in the center of the rotunda, have developed their fronds, increasing rapidly in circumference. The rotunda contains also a number of Japanese maples, a pine 200 years old, cinnamon trees, etc. This exhibit is rapidly increased by new con-

signments arriving almost daily.

In the greenhouse are nearly four thoueand primroses grown from seed sent from Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain and the United States. Of pansies Germany and France have made special exhibits, also Belgium and Holland. Another green house division contains thousands of Persian violets and South American orchids; among the latter are rare cow's horn from Costa Rica. In connection with the horticultural exhibit 40,000 hardy roses have been planted on the wooded island and 40,-000 more of tender varieties are promised for next summer .- New York

What a Cup of Chocolate Can Do.

An enthuriastic lover of chocolate affirms that for those who wish to keep the imagination fresh and vigorous chocolate is the beverage of beverages. However copiously you have lunched a cup of chocolate immediately afterwards will produce digestion three hours after and prepare the way for a good dinner. It is recommended to every one who devotes to brain-work the hours he could pass in bed; to every wit who finds he has become suddenly dull; to all who find the air damp, the time long and the atmosphere insupportable; and, above all, to those who, tormented with a fixed idea, have lost their freedom of thought. -New York World.

Why They Are Speckled.

Charley Wilcox was in the burg the other day exercising his team of speckled colts. The way the animals happened to be speckled happened in this way:

While their mother was at Hat Creek drinking, one day, she was seized by the lip by a trout weighing at least twenty pounds. The fish had to be killed with an ax before it would release its hold and when the twin colts were born they were speckled like trout. They are an extra fine team and are peculiarly fond of water .- Burney Valley (Cal.) Bulletin.

An Expert's Opinion.

Our readers have doubtless noticed the numerous discussions by the scientists and bygienists as to the relative value of the various baking powders. A careful sifting of the evidence leaves no doubt as to the superiority of the Royal Baking Powder in purity, wholesomeness and strength, from a scientific standpoint. An opinion, however, that will have perhaps greater influ ence with our practical housekeepers, is that given by Marion Harland, the well known and popular writer, upon matters pertaining to the science of domestic economy, of housekeeping, and of home cooking. In a letter published in the Philadelphia Ladies' Home Journal, this writer says:

"I regard the Royal Baking Powder as the best manufactured and in the market, so far as I have any experience in the use of such compounds. Since the introduction of it into my kitchen I have used no other in making biscuits, cakes, etc., and have en-tirely discarded for such purposes the homete combination of one-third soda, two

made combination of one-third soun, two thirds cream of tartar.

"Every box has been in perfect condition when it came into my hands, and the contents have given complete satisfaction. It is an act of simple justice, and also a pleasure, to recommend it unqualifiedly to American housewives. MARION HARLAND."

Horseft sh For Food.

In Europe, where the horse is every year more used as human food, the aninals are not allowed to become a mass of kin and jagged bones, as old horses ofen do here. They are fattened, and even an old horse can be made quite fat f given succulent food mixed with ground grain. It is no more difficult to atten an old horse than it is to fatten an ild cow.-Boston Cultivator.



Albany, N. Y.

"I Owe May Life to Hood's Sarsaparilla'

"Words are powerless to express the grati-tude I feel toward Hood's Sarsaparilla, for under God, I feel and know that to this medicine I owe my life. Twelve years ago I began to bloat, followed by nausea at the stomach, and tater with surellings of the limbs, accompanied by severe pain. This gradually grew worse until three years ago. Physicians told me the trouble was

Caused by a Tumor
For several months I had been unable to retain any food of a solid nature. I was greatly emaciated, had frequent hemorrhages,

and was satisfied the doctors were right in saying my life was nearly over. One day a friend suggested that I try Hood's Sar-aparilla; I did so, and for 3 or 4 days I was sicker than ever, but I kept on and gradually began to feel better. I Began to Feel Hungry

Could, after a time, retain solid food, increased in weight, the saffron hue left my skin, the bloating subsided, and I felt better all over. For the past two years my health has been

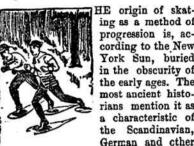
Hood's Sarsa-Cures quite good, and I have been able all the time to do the housework for my family." MRS. OG-DEN SNYDER, No. 10 Judson St., Albany, N. Y Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner Pills, as



ICY SPORTS.

AN INTERESTING CHAPTER ON WINTER AMUSEMENTS.

Early Uses of the Iron Blade-Skating in Holland and England-Speedy Skaters' Records-Delights of Tobogganing.



ing as a method of progression is, according to the New York Sun, buried in the obscurity of the early ages. The most ancient historians mention it as a characteristic of the Scandinavian, German and other

tribes of the North of Europe. That a trace of it cannot be found among the exercises of the Greeks and Romans is not supposed to indicate a doubt of its antiquity, so much as a scarcity of ice in those latitudes. The discovery of iron and its general utility gave the first crude idea of the skate now in universal

Previously the Baltic borderer worried

be charmed to see the weaker sex glide around with their marketing wares on their heads and their knitting in their busy fingers. Girls' races have been an institution since the beginning of the present century, while more than one instance is quoted where a male champion has succumbed to the superior speed of these swift-striking damsels.

Sports and pastimes on ice have been characteristic of every rigorous winter in England since the reign of Charles II., but actual racing did not attract general attention until about half a century ago. Moskaters, of England, and Charles June, of America, were then the preeminent exponents of the art in their respective countries. June was supplanted by T. Donoghue, of Newburg, father of the present champion, while Moskaters passed his title on to Larmen Register. The race in which the latter won the English championship is alleged to have been the first in which an accurate record of time was kept. The winner was credited with covering the distance in six minutes thirty-five seconds.

In 1854 the English championship was won by William Smart, more familiarly known as Turkey. His most dangerous rival was W. "Gutta Percha" See. See's son, George, and Turkey's nephew, George Fish Smart, ousted their veteran relatives in 1878, and since



SAIL-SKATING AND ICE YACHTING.

along contentedly on snowshoes and then Fish and his younger brother runners made of wood. It is supposed that during their frequent visits to England in the Eleventh Century they paaded this National accomplishment, for history shows that the English sports of the Twelfth Century had become adepts in the art. One authentic record written in 1180 says, "Many young men play on theyce, asome tye bones to their feete and under their heeles, and shoving themselves with a little picked



SPIKES AGAINST SKATES.

staffe, do slide as swifly as a birde flyeth in the air or an arrow out of a crossbow.'

The iron blade was brought into use in 1572, when the Dutch naval fleet was frozen in at Amsterdam. A rival power sent its troops to capture the vessels, but the Dutch musketeers sallied forth on in 15 minutes 36 2:5 seconds. Norseng's skates and routed the invaders in short time at St. Petersburg was 16 minutes

James have divided the skating honors of England. A National skating association was formed there in 1879, and the first amateur championship was held under its auspices early in the ensuing year. The same winter a ten and a wenty-mile race for the amateur championship of America took place. Both events were won by George D. Phillips, who terminated a brilliant career by winning the figure skating championship

The present international interest in speed skating and the patriotic rivalry engendered by properly conducted competitions is universally attributed to the compilation in 1884 of the first comprehensive table of records. This invaluable basis for international comparison as the work of W. B. Curtis, of this city, and it is now acknowledged as an indisputable standard by the skating authorities throughout the world.

Distance skating, like all other feats of endurance, seems to have been supplanted by a desire for speed. The records for the past decade from 10 to 100 miles are distributed between a ver select few, such as Alex. Paulsen, of Norway; F. W. Craft, S. J. Montcomery, Secretary of the American N. S. A., and the famous brothers Tebbutt, of England. The distance of modern races rarely exceeds ten miles. A. D. Norseng's record for that distance is 32 minutes 384 seconds, made at St. Petersburg, February 1t, 1890. Donoghue's time on a course of the same

circuit at Newburg, February 7, 1891, was 35 minutes 54 3-5 seconds. On the same day Donoghue covered five miles



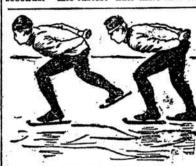
A RACE ON A TOBOGGAN SLIDE.

order. Ever since it has been very diffi- | 16 seconds. cult to beat the Dutch on skates, either in peace or war. The peculiar conformation of Holland makes it the paradise of the Old World skater. Communication is chiefly maintained by a network of canals, and when these are frozen over the art of skating develops from a pastime 19 1-5 seconds. At Heerenveen, Holinto an almost indispensable mode of land. December 18, 1890, Donoghue progression. Every native is an expert, went three miles on a mile circuit in 9 and blades there are in more common use in winter than rubbers on Broadway.

Norseng's fastest three miles is 9 minutes 26% seconds, on a half-mile circuit, at St. Petersturg, February 15,

1890. On a similar circuit Joe Donoghue skated three miles, at Newburgh, February 7, 1891, in 9 minutes minutes 17 seconds. Norseng's record for one mile at Hamburg, January 23, An advocate of woman's rights would 1891, around a path about three dead."-Puck.

sevenths of a mile in circuit, was 2 minutes 59 4-5 seconds. Donoghue did 2 minutes 591 seconds on a small path, at Minneapolis, December 20, 1889, and covered a mile on a three-lan course, at Orange Lake, March 8, 1890, in 2 minutes 59 1-5 seconds. Skating straighaway, with the wind, on the Hudson. February 1, 1887, Donoghue made one miles in 2 minutes 12 3-5 seconds. Last January he went a half mile under similar conditions in 1 minute 5 2-5 seconds, reaching the quarter in 35 seconds. His fastest half mile in a cir-



cuit was 1 minute 30 2-5 seconds at Newburgh, February 7, 1891. Norseng made the distance in 1 minute 22 2.5 second at Amsterdam, January 31, 1890. Since the above was written Joe Donoghue, the American champion, has beaten the world's record at 100 miles, skating that distance against two competitors at Stamford, Conn.. in 7 hours 11 minutes and 38 1-5 seconds.

Changing the subject from skating to tobogganing, we quote from an illus-trated article in Frank Leslie's as folows: The Essex County Club at Orange, N. J., 18 the oldest toboggan club in the vicinity of the metropolis, and the only survivor of the many which were established several years ago. Orange is noted as a social centre, and tobo ganing is the winter fad of the tashionable and select. Parties from New York and adjacent cities frequently visit the slides, and the scene on a fair night is one of great brilliancy.

The costumes of the tobogganers consists of the regulation Canadian blanket suit, dark blue with red trimmings. As shown in our illustration, the slide consists of two parallel troughs about five feet wide, with sloping sides, extending a third of a mile up the mountain. The course is lighted by electricity. Snow is not depended upon for the road bed. This is made when necessary by pouring water down the slope, which freezes even in moderately cold weather. The lower end co these slides is elevated somewhat from the valley, the elevation serving to reduce the momentum of the sleds. At times it is found necessary to use sawdust to break the speed, and the haystack is in all cases employed as a bumper at the finishing point. The speed often attained by the riders is really terrific to nervous people, but after two or three descents the most timid become courageous and find the utmost enjoyment in the sport.

The gentlemen of the Essex County Club are most agreeable hosts. Their



quarters are cheerful and supplied with everything necessary to generous hospitality. The large meeting room is warmed by a great hearth fire, and along the side of the room facing the slides there is a glass front, enabling the visitors in the intervals of their sport to look out upon the scene below. The clubroom decorations of skins and snowshoes afford suggestions of a Canadian winter. In fact, the whole appearance of the place reminds one of winter sporting scenes in Montreal. It is hard for one to realize, amid such surround-

hill side. As a means of healthful recreation tobogganing may claim a bigh place among winter sports. It is certain that the young lady who spends an evening on the Orange slide will need no cosmetic to bring the roses to her face.

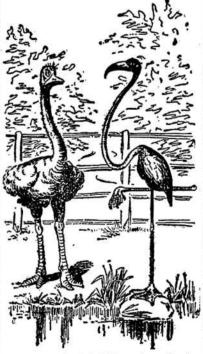
ings, that he is standing on a Jersey

Oriental Rugs.

It has always been a popular belief that the manufacture of rugs in the Orient was carried on by men almost exclusively, but it is said that women do most of the work. In Aden, as no other occupation is pursued to any extent, the whole province is almost entirely supported by the labor of women. This is 'women's rights" with a vengeance!-New York Journal.

At the Ottawa (Cauada) Central Station experiments are being carried on with feeding cattle with ensilege composed of corn, beans and sunflower seeds.

An Upleasant Outlook.



Newly Arrived Ostrich (seeing a flamb go for the first time)-"By the great Sands of Sahara! This must be an awfully mean place. By the time they starve me down as thin as that, I'll be

Repulsive Alaskan Customs.

"The natives of Southeastern Alaska," said ex-Governor A. P. Swinford, of Alaska, to the Star representative, "are rapidly falling into the customs of Americans, particularly as to their dress, some of the better class of natives dress ing even better than the American residents. It was formerly the custom in Southeastern Alaska for the women to wear a 'labret' or short piece of bone or steel in their lower lip by way of ornament. Now one observes it only among the old women. Along the Bering Sea the men thus puncture their lips. They begin with a small piece of steel or bone no larger than a needle and gradually increase the size until it measures nearly an inch in diameter. The bigger the 'labret' the more pleased and important feels the native. Men and women alike plaster their faces with a thick coating of black paste obtained from grinding a sort of soft rock. They say it keeps the features warm in winter and protects them in summer from the attacks of insects and troublesome flies. As a race the people are under size and not personally attractive, though at Sitka one may see some splendid specimens of muscular development among the men. while some of the young women are good looking. There are now four newspapers published in the Territory and it is progressing satisfactorily. My stay there was very pleasant and I made many warm friends."-Washington

How a Snake Swallows a Freg.

The method of swallowing is a very simple one, although, if the frog be large, more than half an hour may be consumed in the process. The two bones of the lower jaw are separate and capable of independent movement; so the reptile loosens it hold upon one side of its jaw, and, pushing that side forward as far 'as possible, it drives the teeth in again, and then draws the jaw back to its original position. The result is that the prey is drawn down by the movement. The process is then repeated by the other half of the jaw, thus inevitably forcing the victim inward. The snake's skin stretches enormously, and the jaw is, of course, dislocated, but the extensible ligaments hold the bones together. The disproportion between the diameter of the frog and the serpent's slender neck is indeed marvelous, and snakes have been observed to split themselves open by attempting too ambitious a mouthful. After perhaps half an hour of laborious contortions, all that is seen of the poor frog is a great swelling that the contracting muscles are rapidly forcing down the reptile's neck. If one liberates the captured frog before it is too late, the wretched animal often seems so overcome by fear, or perhaps stupefied by the serpent's saliva, that it will not leap, but crawls in a painful manner. We must not allow ourselves to be duped into a mistaken sympathy, however, for such is the poetic justice of the case. Large frogs esteem small snakes a particular delicacy. -Popular Science Monthly.

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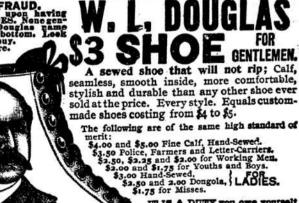
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